

**Exemption List for the Department of Environmental Services  
City & County of Honolulu  
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**General Notes**

As a result of the City's reorganization efforts, the Department of Environmental Services (ENV) was formed and became effective July 1, 1998. The ENV, formerly known as the Department of Wastewater Management, is responsible for administering activities relative to solid waste collection and disposal, sewer collection system maintenance, wastewater treatment and disposal, and stormwater/wastewater quality management and permit compliance. This exemption list is based on the present exemption list for the former Department of Wastewater Management and the Department of Public Works, but has been modified to fit the general types of actions appropriate to ENV.

**DEPARTMENT-WIDE LIST**

Section 343-6 (7), Hawaii Revised Statutes, authorized the Environmental Council to prescribe the procedures whereby specific types of actions, because they will probably have minimal or no significant effects on the environment, are declared exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment. Pursuant to the administrative rules promulgated under authority of section 343-6 (7), HRS, specifically section 11-200-8; the Department of Environmental Services has determined that the following types of actions, where they fall within the given classes of action, shall generally be exempted from the preparation of an environmental assessment.

**EXEMPTION CLASS 1**

Operations, repairs or maintenance of existing structures, facilities, equipment or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion or change of use beyond that previously existing [HAR § 11-200-8 (A) (1)].

1. Building painting
2. building repair
3. Individual wastewater systems tank pumping (cesspools, septic tanks, aerobic units)
4. Chemical control of vector using approved chemicals and following directions on label for rodent/insect control
5. Wastewater equipment repair and maintenance
6. Manhole and junction box cover adjustment
7. Parking lot cleaning and repair
8. Pavement repair, resurfacing and striping
9. Reroofing, roof repair berms
10. Roadside maintenance to roads and right-of-way within the confines of

- wastewater treatment plant or pump station or sanitary landfills
- 11. Sanitary sewer cleaning and repair
- 12. Sanitary sewer leak sealing
- 13. Manhole, junction box, tank repair
- 14. Repair of wastewater structure, sewerline, facilities and equipment
- 15. Repair and cleaning of
  - a. Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP)
  - b. Wastewater Pump Station (WWPS)
  - c. Sewer Force Main (SFM) and relief valves
  - d. Sewer outfall
  - e. Wastewater spills
- 16. Cesspool chemical treatment
- 17. Actions necessary for compliance with OSHA requirements
- 18. Refuse collection schedule changes
- 19. Landfill erosion repairs

## **EXEMPTION CLASS 2**

Replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located generally on the same site and will have substantially the same purpose, capacity, density, height and dimensions as the structure replaced [HAR § 11-200-8 (a) (2)].

- 1. Berms
- 2. Building modification
- 3. Drainage structure replacement or reconstruction within wastewater treatment plant, pump station, refuse transfer station and landfill site
- 4. Driveway replacement
- 5. Equipment replacement
- 6. Door replacement
- 7. Footbridge replacement or reconstruction
- 8. Guardrail replacement or reconstruction
- 9. Fencing repair, replacement, or reconstruction
- 10. Sanitary sewer line modification or replacement not to exceed additional sewer lines between three additional manholes or 1,000 linear feet in length.
- 11. Wastewater facility/structure replacement or reconstruction (to include manholes, junction boxes, tanks, incinerators .... )
- 12. Storm drain line modification or replacement within wastewater treatment plant, pump station, refuse transfer station and landfill site
- 13. Instrumentation, electrical and telemetering equipment modification or replacement

14. Fuel tank modification, repair or replacement in compliance with Federal and State regulations and with concurrence of State Department of Health

### **EXEMPTION CLASS 3**

Construction and location of single, new, small facilities or structures and the alteration and modification of same and installation of new, small equipment and facilities and the alteration and modification of same, including, but not limited to: (A) single-family residences less than 3,500 square feet not in conjunction with the building or two or more such units; (B) multi-unit structures designed for not more than four dwelling units if not in conjunction with the building of two or more such structures; (C) stores, offices and restaurants designed for total occupant load of twenty persons or less per structure, if not in conjunction with the building of two or more such structures; (D) water, sewage, electrical, gas, telephone, and other essential public utility services extensions to serve such structures or facilities; accessory or appurtenant structures including garages, carports, patios, swimming pools, and fences; and, acquisition of utility easements [HAR § 11-200-8 (a) (3)].

1. Air conditioning and ventilation installation
2. Carports
3. Emergency electric generator installation in existing sewage pump station
4. Equipment installation in existing buildings
5. Existing storm drain extension within wastewater treatment plant, pump station, refuse transfer station and landfill site
6. Expansion of existing pump station and force main to master planned capacity (additional pumping equipment, pipe and appurtenances)
7. Field office
8. Minor modification of incinerator as directed by EPA or other authorized governmental agencies
9. Modification required to conform to Federal, State and local regulations or codes and as directed by authorized governmental agencies
10. Loading areas
11. Sewer improvement district project
12. Sidewalk and covered walkway
13. Utility connection (electrical, gas, water, sewer)
14. Building addition for minor process modification
15. Sewer service installation for existing residential properties, including:
  - a. the construction of a sewer lateral from an existing sewer main located in an easement or street right-of-way to the abutting property line of unsewered lots;
  - b. the extension of an existing sewer main together with a lateral to serve

unsewered lots in areas where no significant environmental or historical resources exist

c. the construction of additional laterals or the replacement of existing laterals to accommodate other utility lines or to facilitate connections from house sewer on the premise to laterals.

16. Sewer lateral extension, involving the extension of an existing lateral to a new property line for road improvement projects or for existing laterals that were inadvertently installed short of the property line.
17. Cathodic protection of pipelines and equipment
18. Sewer manholes with or without concrete apron to accommodate pumper trucks (septage receiving station)
19. Monitoring water and gas wells at landfill sites
20. Recycling collection bins

#### **EXEMPTION CLASS 4**

Minor alteration in the conditions of land, water, or vegetation [HAR § 11-200-8 (a) (4)].

1. Berms
2. Chemical control of vegetation where use of approved chemicals will follow directions on label for vegetation control
3. Ground improvements (e.g. driveways, parking areas, walls, sidewalks, etc.)
4. Landscaping and sprinkler system
5. Shoulders

#### **EXEMPTION CLASS 5**

Basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource [HAR § 11-200-8 (a) (5)].

1. Bioassay
2. Biological and ecological study and survey
3. Chemical and bacteriological laboratory analysis
4. Fish survey
5. Fresh and saline water sampling
6. Industrial waste sampling and analysis
7. Monitoring device installation
8. Oceanographic survey
9. Receiving water monitoring program

10. Recycling wastewater study
11. Sediment study and survey
12. Storm water runoff sampling and analysis
13. Stream study and survey
14. Subsurface exploration soil boring
15. Virus study and survey

#### **EXEMPTION CLASS 6**

Construction or placement of minor structures accessory to existing facilities [HAR § 11-200-8 (a) (6)].

1. Exterior lighting
2. Portable building
3. Emergency generator structure

#### **EXEMPTION CLASS 7**

Interior alterations involving things such as partitions, plumbing, and electrical conveyances [HAR § 11-200-8 (a) (7)].

1. Partition
2. Plumbing
3. Electrical
4. Door
5. Window
6. Walls

#### **EXEMPTION CLASS 8**

Demolition of structures, except those structures located on any historic site as designated in the National Register or Hawaii Register as provided for in the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, Public Law 89-665, 16 U.S.C. §470, or Chapter 6E, Hawaii Revised Statutes [HAR § 11-200-8 (A) (8)].

#### **EXEMPTION CLASS 9**

Zoning variances except shoreline setback variances [HAR § 11-200-8 (A) (9)].

**NOTE:** Pursuant to HAR § 11-200-8 (b), all exemptions under the classes in this section are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of planned successive actions of

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**the same type, in the same place, over time, is significant, or when an action that is normally insignificant in its impact on the environment may be significant in a particularly sensitive environment.**